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| Title: | Control of Property in the Possession of Contractors |
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This DIRECTIVE states policy and establishes responsibilities for the control and maintenance of Government property in the possession of contractors.

1. REFERENCE

For procedures relating to the control of property in the possession of contractors, see MANUAL 226.1.

2. AUTHORITIES

Federal Acquisition Regulations, Part 45 Federal Property Management Regulation Subpart 101.38.

3. POLICY

It is ARS policy to ensure adequate procedures are established to protect and maintain Government property in the possession of contractors and to establish requirements for use of and accountability for Government property, and to specify the contractor's liability for loss or damage of such property.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Contracting Officer will provide for the overall administration of the contract. Contracting Officers are responsible for

implementing the provisions of this Directive and Manual 226.1 and when appropriate providing a copy of the Manual to the contractor.

The Property Administrator will administer the contract requirements and obligations relative to Government property.

The Equipment, Utilities, and Property Branch, Contracting and Assistance Division, EUPB will establish policy, procedures and guidelines for the control of Government property in the possession or control of contractors. EUPB will provide advice and assistance to Property Administrators to ensure the property administration function is being performed by the contractor.

- EUPB will write, revise, maintain and distribute Manual 226.1 to Contracting Officers, ARS Property Managers, and appropriate offices.

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